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PASS FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

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SUBJECT: CANADIAN FOOD AND DRUG CHEESE REGULATIONS

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM R.O. READ, CHIEF, DIVISION OF ADDITIVES AND PESTICIDES, BUREAU OF CHEMICAL SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE CANADA. QUOTE:

AS YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE, THIS BRANCH IS CURRENTLY UPDATING AND REVISING THE CHEESE REGULATIONS IN DIVISION 8, CANADIAN FOOD AND DRUG REGULATIONS, A GENERAL OUTLINE OF WHICH APPEARS IN INFORMATION LETTER NO. 449.

THIS DIVISION IS PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN DRAFTING THE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO THE FOOD ADDITIVE TABLES OF DIVISION 16 OF THE FOOD AND DRUG REGULATIONS TO COMPLEMENT THE PROPOSALS NOTED IN THE ABOVEMENTIONED DRAFT CHEESE REGULATIONS.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT MEANINGFUL AMENDMENTS ARE DRAFTED WHICH REFLECT CURRENT MANUFACTURING PRACTICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS, AND THAT ALL LEGITIMATE USES OF FOOD ADDITIVES IN CHEESE ARE ACCOMMODATED IN THE NEW REGULATIONS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE

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IDENTITY, AREAS OF USE, AND LEVELS OF USE OF ALL ADDITIVES, INCLUDING VARIOUS EMULSIFIERS AND STABILIZERS, PH-ADJUSTING AGENTS, AND PRESERVATIVES USED IN NAMED VARIETIES AND TYPES OF CHEESES OFFERED FOR SALE IN CANADA. IT IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO INDICATE WHETHER ADDITIVES OF SIMILAR CLASS AND FUNCTION (E.G. VEGETABLE GUMS, THE PHOSPHATES, ETC.) ARE USED SINGLY OR IN COMBINATION AND, IF USED IN COMBINA-

TION, TO INDICATE THE SUM TOTAL USE LEVEL ALONG WITH THE IDENTITY OF ADDITIVES THAT ARE USED IN COMBINATION.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE REQUEST, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SPECIFIC AREAS AND LEVELS OF USE OF HYDROGEN PEROXIDE IN MILK DESTINED FOR CHEESE MANUFACTURE, IF SUCH USE EXISTS, AND OF THE ENZYME LIPASE IN THE RIPENING OF VARIOUS CHEESES.

IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED, WE WOULD ASK THAT THE DATA BE AS COMPLETE AS POSSIBLE, SINCE LACK OF INFORMATION ON ANY GIVEN ADDITIVE WILL BE INTERPRETED AS A LACK OF NEED FOR THE SUBSTANCE IN QUESTION. YOUR ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION BY JULY 31, 1977 WILL ENABLE US TO EXPEDITE PROMULGATION OF THE NEW CHEESE REGULATIONS. UNQUOTE

2. COPY OF LETTER, ALSO INFORMATION LETTER NO. 449 OF OCTOBER 17, 1975 AND DIVISION 16 OF CANADIAN FOOD AND DRUG REGULATIONS POUCHED TO JOHN RIESZ, ACTING DIRECTOR, DAIRY, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY DIVISION/FAS/USDA. ENDERS

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